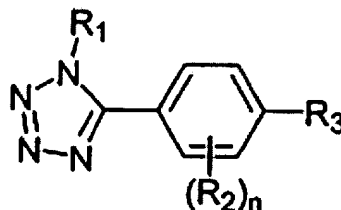


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

1. (Original) A compound of formula Ia:



(Ia)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof, wherein:

R_1 is CO_2R_4 ;

each R_2 is independently -halo, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{N}(R_5)(R_5)$, $-\text{OR}_5$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})R_5$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})R_5$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NHC}(\text{O})R_5$, $-(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$, $-(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkenyl}$, $-(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkynyl}$, $-(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10})\text{cycloalkyl}$, $-(\text{C}_8\text{-C}_{14})\text{bicycloalkyl}$, $-(\text{C}_5\text{-C}_{10})\text{cycloalkenyl}$, $-(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10})\text{heterocycle}$, -phenyl, -naphthyl, -benzyl, $-\text{CO}_2R_5$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OCH}(R_5)(R_5)$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})R_5$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{NHR}_5$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NHR}_5$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})R_5$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{OR}_5$, $-\text{SR}_5$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})R_5$, or $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2R_5$;

R_3 is $-\text{H}$, -halo, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{N}(R_5)(R_5)$, $-\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_mR_5$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})R_5$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}_5R_5$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2)_m(R_5)$, $-\text{OCF}_3$, -benzyl, $-\text{CO}_2\text{CH}(R_5)(R_5)$, $-(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$, $-(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkenyl}$, $-(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkynyl}$, $-(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10})\text{cycloalkyl}$, $-(\text{C}_8\text{-C}_{14})\text{bicycloalkyl}$, $-(\text{C}_5\text{-C}_{10})\text{cycloalkenyl}$, -naphthyl, $-(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10})\text{heterocycle}$, $-\text{CO}_2(\text{CH}_2)_mR_5$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})R_5$, $-\text{N}(R_5)\text{C}(\text{O})R_5$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{NHR}_5$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{CHR}_5R_5$, $-\text{CO}_2(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{CHR}_5R_5$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{OR}_5$, $-\text{SR}_5$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})R_5$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2R_5$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NHR}_5$, or



R_4 is $-(\text{C}_5)\text{heteroaryl}$, $-(\text{C}_6)\text{heteroaryl}$, phenyl, naphthyl, or benzyl;

each R_5 is independently $-\text{H}$, $-\text{CF}_3$, $-(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$, -benzyl, -adamantyl, -morpholinyl, -pyrrolidyl, -pyrroldioxide, -pyrrolidinylidone, -piperidyl, $-(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkenyl}$, $-(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkynyl}$, $-(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10})\text{cycloalkyl}$, $-(\text{C}_8\text{-C}_{14})\text{bicycloalkyl}$, $-(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10})\text{heterocycle}$, or



each R_6 is independently -H, -halo, $-\text{NO}_2$, -CN, -OH, $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$,
 $-\text{N}((\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl})((\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl})$, $-\text{O}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$,
 $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2)_m(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$, $-\text{OCF}_3$, -benzyl, $-\text{CO}_2(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{CH}((\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl})((\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl})$,
 $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{H}$, $-\text{CO}_2(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$, $-(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$, $-(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkenyl}$, $-(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkynyl}$,
 $-(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10})\text{cycloalkyl}$, $-(\text{C}_8\text{-C}_{14})\text{bicycloalkyl}$, $-(\text{C}_5\text{-C}_{10})\text{cycloalkenyl}$, $-(\text{C}_5)\text{heteroaryl}$,
 $-(\text{C}_6)\text{heteroaryl}$, -phenyl, naphthyl, $-(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10})\text{heterocycle}$, $-\text{CO}_2(\text{CH}_2)_m(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$,
 $-\text{CO}_2(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{H}$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{NH}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$,
 $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{O}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NHR}_5$, or $-\text{SO}_2\text{NH}_2$;

n is an integer ranging from 0 to 4;

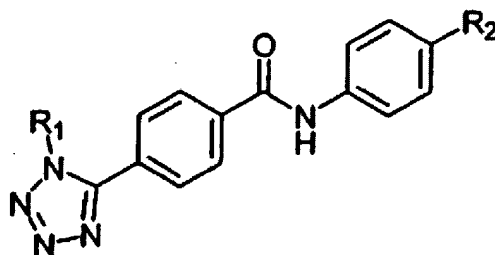
each m is independently an integer ranging from 0 to 8; and

each p is independently an integer ranging from 0 to 5.

2. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

Claims 3-13 have been canceled without prejudice.

14. (Original) A compound of formula (Ib):



(Ib)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof, wherein:

R_1 is -H, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}_4$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}_5$, or $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R}_5)(\text{R}_5)$;

R₂ is -(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl or -O(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl;
R₄ is -(C₅)heteroaryl, -(C₆)heteroaryl, phenyl, naphthyl, or benzyl; and
each occurrence of R₅ is independently -H, -CF₃, -(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -benzyl,
-(C₂-C₁₀)alkenyl, -(C₂-C₁₀)alkynyl, -(C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl, -(C₈-C₁₄)bicycloalkyl, or
-(C₃-C₁₀)heterocycle.

Claims 15-25 have been canceled without prejudice.

26. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of claim 14 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

27. (New) The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate of claim 14, wherein R₁ is -H.